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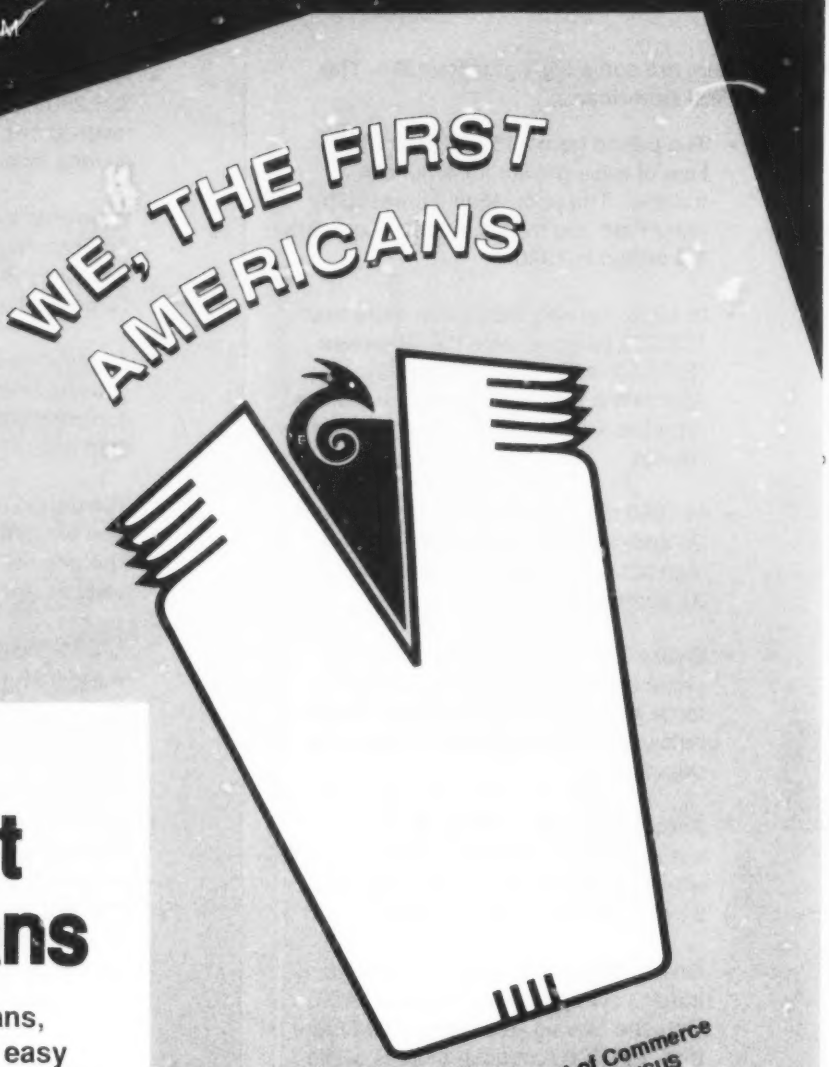

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- The period from 1950 to 1980 was a time of rapid growth for American Indians. The population increased by more than one million, numbering nearly 1.4 million in 1980.

- In 1980, the only tribes with more than 100,000 persons were the Cherokee (232,080) and Navajo (158,633). Approximately 16 percent of all Indians reported as Cherokee and 11 percent as Navajo.

- In 1980, 56 percent of the Indians aged 25 and over had completed four years of high school or more compared with only 33 percent in 1970.

- Overall, 59 percent of the Indians 16 years old and over were in the labor force in 1980, three percentage points below the 62 percent rate for the total population.

- According to the 1980 census, the median money income of Indian families was $13,680 in 1979, compared with $19,920 for the total population.

- One-fourth or 340,000 of all American Indians lived on reservations in 1980. Only the Navajo Reservation had more than 100,000 American Indians, while the Pine Ridge Reservation was the only other reservation with more than 10,000 American Indians in 1980.

- Of the 10 largest reservations, Pine Ridge had the highest proportion (59 percent) of American Indian students enrolled in BIA or tribal schools, followed by Hopi at 56 percent and Tohono O'Odham at 46 percent.

- A very high proportion, 45 percent, of the 336,280 American Indians residing on reservations were living below the poverty level in 1979.

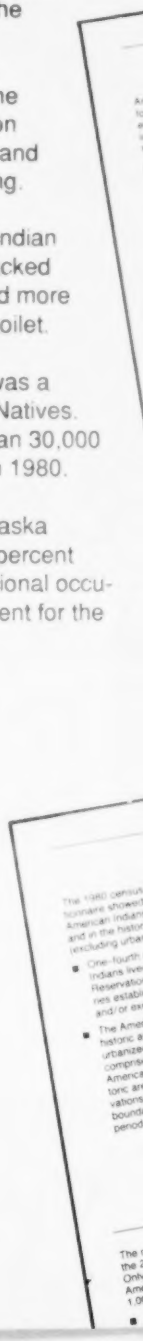
- More than half (56 percent) of the American Indian housing units on reservations had no telephone, and 16 percent lacked electric lighting.

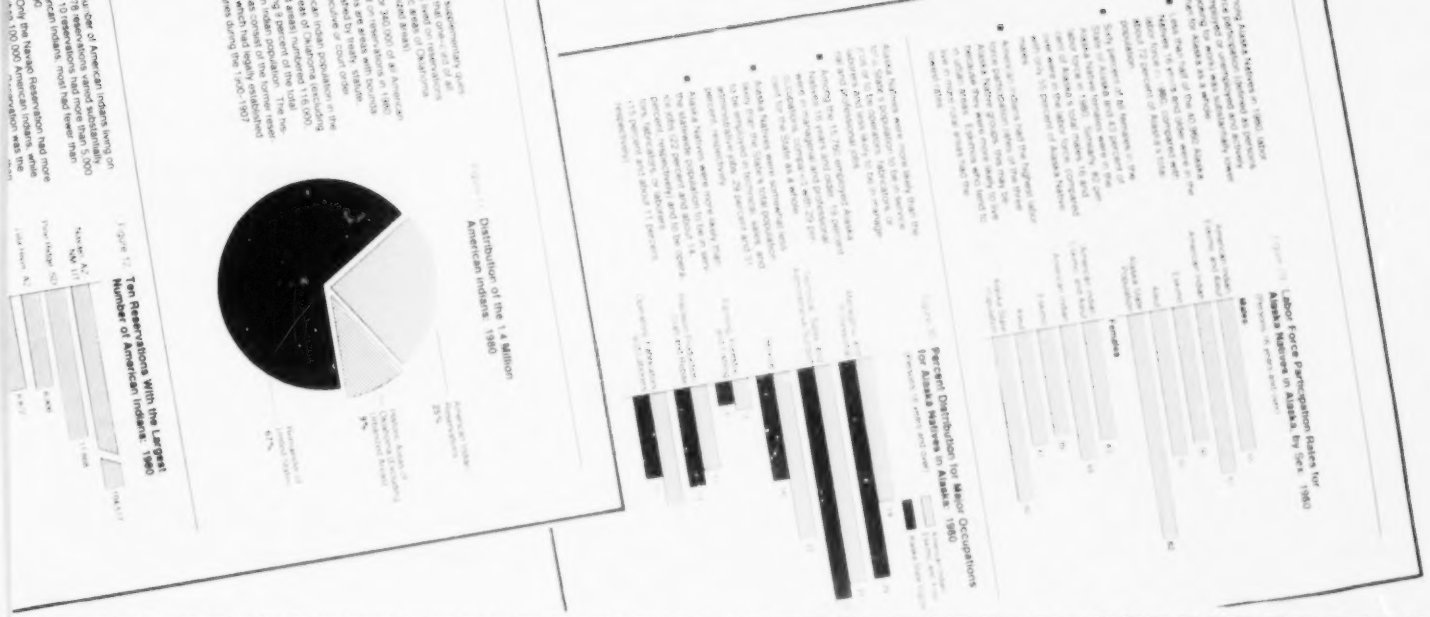
- Almost one-fourth of American Indian housing units on reservations lacked complete plumbing facilities, and more than one-fifth lacked an indoor toilet.

- The period from 1950 to 1980 was a time of rapid growth for Alaska Natives. The population rose by more than 30,000 persons and numberd 64,103 in 1980.

- Among the 15,760 employed Alaska Natives 16 years and older, 19 percent were in managerial and professional occupations, compared with 29 percent for the State as a whole.

- Only 68 percent of the 11,700 Alaska Native families consisted of a husband and wife; this was true for 84 percent of the 95,560 total families in Alaska.





Distribution of the 1.4 Million American Indians, 1980

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